IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH AT HYDERABAD

HON'BLE Mr. JUSTICE R. SUBHASH REDDY

Writ Petition No.20382 OF 2002

Dated: August 22, 2007

Between:

S. Chandrasekhar, S/o. Sri Jaganmohan Rao,
Aged about 17 years, R/o. Quarter No.209,
Waterworks Staff Quarters, Secunderabad.

… Petitioner

And

Commissioner, Dept. of Social Welfare, Govt. of A.P., Hyderabad, and others.

… Respondents

Order:

None appears on either side and there is no representation on their behalf.

Petitioner, a student, has filed this writ petition in the year 2002 when he was denied the benefit of Scheduled Caste status for grant of admission into Engineering course. It was his case that he was in possession of a valid certificate, certifying his caste status, issued by the competent authority under the provisions of the A.P. (Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes) Regulation of issue of Community Certificates Act, 1993 ('the Act' for brevity) and in spite of the same, he was denied admission on

mere suspicion.

This court, while admitting the writ petition, by order dated 11-10-2002, in WPMP No.25553 of 2002, directed the respondents to admit the petitioner in I year B. Tech (ECE) course, pending further orders and the said order was made absolute by order dated 20-01-2004 as it was stated that petitioner was admitted into the course and was prosecuting studies.

Even in the counter affidavit filed by the respondents, it is stated that the certificate issued to the petitioner has not been cancelled and is subsisting as on today.

In that view of the matter, I dispose of the writ petition directing the respondents to allow the petitioner to continue the course aforementioned, in which he was admitted pursuant to the order of this court dated 11-10-2002, and issue necessary certificates to him on completion of the course. However, it is clarified that it is open for the respondents to scrutinize the caste status of the petitioner. No order as to costs.

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JUSTICE R. SUBHASH REDDY.

August 22, 2007
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